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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No sir.

(*b*) A portion of the compound wall to a length of about 25 feet slipped down due to sea erosion during the monsoon in July 1953, but immediate action was taken to repair the revetment to prevent further damage.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Have the Government received any representation or complaint from the neighbouring high school authorities that their building is aso endangered or jeopardised on account of lack of attention being paid to the preservation of the Sub-Collector's bungalow?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information about it. A separate question may be put.

Eviction of Harijans

* 2825 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 75 Harijan families living at the Corporation Old Basin Wharf, Waltax Road, Madras, have been served with eviction notices by the Corporation authorities without providing them alternative sites as required by the Government;

(*b*) whether any representation was received from the Harijan residents in May 1955 against their eviction; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Eviction notices were served by the Corporation of Madras only on 50 Harijan families. They were evicted and accommodated in Thiru. Vi. Ka. Nagar. Fifteen families were also living in the Wharf as tenants under the 50 families. Action is being taken by the Corporation to provide them alternative sites in the Market Farm, Tondiarpet.

(*b*) Representations were received by the Director of Harijan Welfare and the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.

(*c*) On an examination of the representation it was found that the site was acquired for the expansion of the Central Lorry Station and that as the expansion of the Lorry Station as well as Corporation workshop and construction of a school on that site had to be undertaken urgently, the Harijans had to be evicted. The 50 families have been given by the Government financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 10 per family to put up fresh huts on the new site. The Government considered that no further action was necessary on the representation.